



Request for Information (RFI) DCJS-25-01
New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
Microstamping Viability

RFI Timeline and Contact Information	
RFI Released	February 13, 2025
Closing Date for Respondent Questions	March 13, 2025
Responses to Respondent Questions Posted (Estimated)	March 20, 2025
RFI Response Due Date	April 17, 2025, by 5:00PM (ET)
Agency Contact: Respondents must direct all questions and communications in writing to DCJSProcurement@dcjs.ny.gov and include "RFI DCJS 25-01" in the subject line.	

PURPOSE OF THE RFI

Pursuant to Chapter 205 of the Laws of 2022, the Division of Criminal Justice Services (“DCJS or Division”) must “engage in and complete an investigation to certify the technological viability of microstamping-enabled pistols;” as a part of this investigation, “live-fire testing evidence” shall be included.

In furtherance of the aforementioned requirements, DCJS is issuing the instant Request for Information (RFI) in order to obtain information from subject matter experts (including but not necessarily limited to firearms manufacturers, forensic laboratories, firearms experts, and potential qualified vendors), relating to microstamping technology.

This RFI is for informational and planning purposes only, is not a solicitation of actual bids, and no contract will be awarded as a result. A firm or organization’s response to the RFI—or lack thereof—will have no impact on the evaluation of responses to any subsequent solicitations and does not preclude a vendor from bidding on a future solicitation. Responders are advised that the State will not pay for any information or administrative costs incurred in response to this RFI; all costs associated with responding to this RFI will be solely at the responders’ expense.

DCJS expressly reserves the right to utilize any and all ideas submitted in the responses received unless covered by legal patent or proprietary rights, which must be clearly noted in the vendor’s response to the RFI.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In June 2022, the New York State Legislature passed, and Governor Hochul signed into law legislation requiring DCJS to review current microstamping technology for pistols ([S4116A/ A7926A](#)). [Executive Law Section 837-W](#) authorizes DCJS to engage in an investigation of microstamping technology, using, as part of that investigation, live-fire testing evidence. Upon completion of the investigation, DCJS must either certify or decline to certify that microstamping-enabled pistols are “technologically viable.”

Should DCJS certify viability, various provisions of law will be triggered:

- Within 365 days of certification – DCJS shall establish performance standards, qualifying criteria, and testing protocols for the examination and verification of microstamping-enabled pistols
- Within 2 years – DCJS shall establish and implement verification processes for microstamping-enabled pistols and their components
- Within 2 years – DCJS shall establish processes and standards for training and licensure of entities to service microstamping-enabled pistols and their components
- Within 2 years – DCJS shall designate a body to service pistols and their components to ensure all pistols sold by a New York State firearms dealer possesses microstamping technology

- 4 years from certification – section 265.10 of the Penal Law will become effective, making it unlawful for a firearms dealer to sell any semiautomatic pistol that is not certified as microstamping-enabled

Upon enactment of the law, DCJS commenced its investigation into the viability of microstamping-enabled pistols by convening a working group within its Office of Forensic Services. This working group continues to collect and review the scientific and other literature on this topic, and to meet with the various stakeholders to gather perspectives and information needed for its review and ultimate determination. In furtherance of this task, DCJS sought and secured additional funding in the FY 2023-2024 budget to ensure an appropriate scope of review.

To facilitate the completion of its investigation, DCJS and the working group, through this RFI, are primarily seeking (a) information from stakeholders about the standards and processes needed to determine the technological feasibility and viability of microstamping-enabled pistols, and (b) the provision of microstamping-enabled firearms by owners of such technology for use by state experts in live-fire testing.

DCJS'S RESERVED RIGHTS

The Division reserves the right to:

1. Reject any or all responses received to the RFI;
2. Withdraw the RFI at any time, at the agency's sole discretion;
3. Amend the RFI after its release with appropriate notice to all RFI respondents;
4. Seek clarifications and revisions of responses;
5. Utilize any and all ideas submitted in the responses received; and
6. Request to meet with respondents.

RESPONDENT QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Respondents may submit questions about this RFI via email by [insert date] to: **DCJSProcurement@dcjs.ny.gov** and include "RFI DCJS-25-01" in the subject line.

Submissions should include affiliation name, contact person, telephone number and email address.

Responses to these questions will be posted on or around March 20, 2025, on the Division's website.

RFI SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Please submit your responses to this RFI to: **DCJSProcurement@dcjs.ny.gov** before the due date identified on Page 1. Please include in the subject line “Response to RFI DCJS-25-01”. Hard copies will not be accepted.

Information in addition to the prescribed questions is welcome. However, pre-printed marketing material and cost information **should not** be included in your response and will not be considered if provided.

DCJS is especially interested in hearing feedback from the following firms, organizations, or individuals:

- firearms manufacturers
- forensic laboratories
- forensic experts
- firearms experts and
- potential qualified vendors.

INFORMATION REQUESTED

- Criteria for determining the feasibility of microstamping technology for (a) new firearms and (b) to the extent different, the retrofitting of existing firearms. Such information may include, but need not be limited to, information regarding:
 - The efficacy of any current technology – the degree to which any technology provides forensic utility, and what lab technology is required to provide forensic utility
 - The durability of any existing technology– a technology’s repeatability under real-world firing conditions, its useful life, conditions that would affect useful life
 - The potential for defeatability and existence of any current technology measures for preventing tampering either as integral to the microstamping technology or standalone
 - Any other information relative to criteria for determining feasibility (e.g., International Organization for Standardization standards)
- Criteria for determining the viability of microstamping technology for (a) new firearms and (b) to the extent different, the retrofitting of existing firearms. Such information may include, but need not be limited to, information regarding:
 - The scalability of any technology – the ability of a given technology to be produced at the magnitude of production lines
 - The cost effectiveness of any technology – what added cost would implementation of a given technology add to the manufacturing cost/consumer cost

- The universality of any technology – whether a specific technology accounts for the range of pistol types in the marketplace, different calibers and types of ammunition, and to the extent one technology does not, the extent to which another or others are able to cover the entire range
- Any other information relative to criteria for determining feasibility (e.g., International Organization for Standardization standards)
- Technology available for live-fire testing evidence: Such information may include, but need not be limited to, information regarding:
 - Do you possess or otherwise control any firearms (including prototypes) that you believe to be microstamping-enabled within the meaning of the microstamping statute referenced above?
 - Please describe any such firearm(s) to the best of your ability, including its make, model, and serial number.
 - Please describe the microstamping technology used on any such firearm(s), including:
 - what component part is its microstamping component,
 - describe what firearms the microstamping component is compatible with,
 - information about the effectiveness of the microstamp across a range of firearms,
 - what process is used to equip that component to produce a microstamp,
 - when the microstamp is produced, what type(s) of unique alphanumeric or geometric code does the microstamp feature, and
 - data or other literature about the live testing including its utility and limitations, including, risk of degradation, durability and longevity of various makes/models, ease of intentional tampering, feasibility, lasting forensic utility.
 - Please identify the person or entity that equipped such firearm to produce a microstamp.
 - Please state whether you are authorized, willing, and able to present such firearm(s) to DCJS and the State Police for independent live-fire testing and other evaluation in connection with the State’s technological viability investigation.
- Assessment of the methodology and results of the appended “2024 Microstamping Viability Report,” issued by the State of New Jersey Office of the Attorney General.
- Other Considerations – Provide general comments or suggestions related to the proposed project.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION LAW (“FOIL”) AND RFI RESPONSES

The purpose of New York State's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL), which is contained in NYS Public Officers Law, Sections 84-90, is to promote the public's right to know the process of governmental decision making and to grant maximum public access to governmental records.

Thus, a member of the public may submit a FOIL request for disclosure of the contents of the responses submitted to the State in response to this RFI. The responses of respondents may be subject to disclosure under FOIL. However, pursuant to Section 87(2)(d) of the Public Officers Law, a State agency may deny access to those portions of responses which "are trade secrets or submitted to an agency by a commercial enterprise or derived from information obtained from a commercial enterprise and which if disclosed would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the subject enterprise." Please note that FOIL has specific instructions for identifying material that an entity claims is exempt from disclosure under FOIL because the information is trade secrets, which if disclosed would cause substantial injury to the competitive position of the respondent.

Please also note that information which you may claim as proprietary, copyrighted or rights reserved is not necessarily protected from disclosure under FOIL.

If there is information in your response which you claim meets the definition set forth in NYS Public Officers Law Section 87(2)(d), please inform us in a letter accompanying your response.

RESPONDING TO THIS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Responses to this Request for Information must be received by April 17, 2025, at 5:00PM (ET). RFI submissions may be submitted electronically to DCJS via email at DCJSProcurement@dcjs.ny.gov. Responses will be used to inform this DCJS project.

APPENDIX

- [Authorizing legislation](#)
- [New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Request for Information \(RFI\) for Availability of Microstamping-enabled Firearms](#)
- [New Jersey Office of the Attorney General Microstamping Viability Report](#)